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SUMMARY: LISBON SUBWAY SYSTEM EXPECTS TO IMPORT ELECTRICAL
CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND FOLLOING STOCK WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$130
MILLION UNDER AN EXPANSION PROGRAM NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED.
BIDDING PROCESS OF FIRST STAGE OF INTEREST TO US INVESTORS
WILL BEGIN IN SUMMER 1977. THOSE US FIRMS INTERESTED IN
SUPPLYING ABOVE IMPORTED EQUIPMENT SHOULD CONTACT LISBON
SUBWAY COMPANY. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING APRIL 15 DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, PRESIDENT OF
LISBON SUBWAY SYSTEM (METROPOLITANO DE LISBOA), ANTONIO DIOGO
PINTO, OUTLINED SYSTEM EXPANSION PLANS REPORTED REF AIR,
HIGHLIGHTING POSSIBLE EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES. SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

2. SCOPE: SUBWAY EXPANSION PLAN HAS 4 DISTINCT PHASES:
-- STATION ENLARGEMENT: AIMED AT INCREASING PLATFORM
CAPACITY OF ALL CURRENT STATIONS FROM FOUR TO SIX CARRIAGE
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TRAINS, THIS PHASE BEGAN IN SUMMER 1976 AND IS NOW WELL
ADVANCED. TECHNOLOGY, MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION ARE ALL
PORTUGUESE.
-- LINE EXTENSION (1): THE PROJECTED COMPLETION
OF THIS PHASE IN LATE 1982 WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE LISBON
SUBWAY'S CURRENT 12 KILOMETERS OF LINE, BRINGING THREE
MAJOR SUBURBS FOR THE FIRST TIME INTO THE SUBWAY NETWORK.

FINANCING TOTALLING 15 MILLION ESCUDOS (\$393 MILLION AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATES) HAS BEEN GUARANTEED BY GOP. PRELIMINARY GEOLOGICAL AND OTHER STUDIES FOR THIS PHASE HAVE BEGUN AND TECHNICAL PLANS ARE IN FINAL STAGE OF PREPARATION.

-- LINE EXTENSION (2): THE CONSTRUCTION DURING THIS PHASE OF TWO SPURS TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY 8 KM WOULD LINK LISBON'S CURRENT SUBWAY NET WITH THE CITY'S TWO MAJOR RAIL TERMINI, THE CAIS DO SODRE AND SANTA APOLO- NIA STATIONS. FINANCING FOR THIS PHASE HAS NOT YET BEEN ARRANGED. CONSTRUCTION IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN 1982, FOR COMPLETION IN 1985.

-- LINE EXTENSION (3): STILL IN THE VERY EARLY PLANNING STAGE, THIS FINAL PHASE WOULD INCLUDE NEW, MAINLY EXPOSED, CROSS-LISBON LINES.

ONE LINE WOULD CROSS THE TAGUS ON THE CURRENT LISBON HIGHWAY BRIDGE, DESIGNED TO HAVE A RAIL LEVEL.

3. INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES: ONLY THE EXTENSION (1) PHASE IS OF INTEREST TO US EXPORTERS AT THIS TIME. CONSTRUCTION TENDERS FOR PHASE WILL BEGIN TO BE LET THIS SUMMER, WITH BIDDING RESTRICTED TO PORTUGUESE FIRMS.

APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF ELECTRONIC CONTROL AND AUTOMATIC SWITCHING MATERIALS AND 50 PERCENT OF ELECTRIFIED ROLLING STOCK TO BE INSTALLED DURING THIS PHASE IS EXPECTED TO BE IMPORTED.

TOTAL IMPORTS ARE EXPECTED TO AMOUNT TO ONE THIRD OF OF THE PROJECTS TOTAL COST, OR ABOUT \$130 MILLION.

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PINTO INDICATED THAT TIMING OF TENDERS FOR THIS MATERIAL HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. HE SAID THAT AT LEAST ONE AMERICAN FIRM (WESTINGHOUSE) WOULD BE INVITED TO PRESENT BIDS, BUT THAT EUROPEAN FIRMS, NOT ONLY OF GERMANY, WOULD HAVE INSIDE TRACK DUE TO PAST WORK FOR SUBWAY. EMBOFF EXPLAINED POSSIBILITY OF EX-IM FINANCING FOR PLANNED EQUIPMENT IMPORTS AND REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY BE KEPT INFORMED OF PROJECT STATUS. PINTO AGREED TO DO SO.

4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPANY IS AS FOLLOWS:

METROPOLITANO DE LISBOA
AVENIDA FONTES PEREIRA DE MELO NO. 28
LISBON - PORTUGAL

PERSON TO CONTACT IS THE FOLLOWING:

DR. ANTONIO DIOGO PINTO - PRESIDENT.

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